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HUNGARY PREPARES FOR ELECTIONS

PREPARES FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS -- Budapest Friss Ujsag, 13 Sep 50

Administrative mechanism has been set up for the election of members to the town, county district, and country councils, to be held on 22 October. Each election committee in Budapest and in the countries will be composed of a president, a deputy president, and five members. Election committees in the country districts and towns will have three members each, in addition to the president and deputy president. The elected council members will receive their mandates from the council committees.

Election of members to the various councils -- county, county district, city, city district, and town -- will take place by separate ballots. For example, in the towns each voter will cast three ballots, one each for the town, for the county district, and for the county council.

There will be two ballots in Budapest, one for the city district council and the other for the city council. Each ballot in Budapest will contain the names of the 251 candidates nominated for membership in the city council, together with the names of their alternates. Ballots for the city district councils will contain the names of the candidates and alternates nominated for the various city district councils.

FIRST ELECTIONS TO LOCAL COUNCILS -- Budapest Szabadsagharcos, 12 Sep 50

The first elections to the local councils in Hungary will take place on 22 October 1950. Over 220,000 council members are to be elected and 3,217 local councils will be created. Creation of local councils will mean a radical departure in the administration of public affairs. The elections will be of particular importance in the villages, where they will supplant the surviving organs of the bourgeois regime.

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The first council elections will also represent an important step forward in consolidating the rule of workers and peasants. Council members should be elected from the ranks of workers who had the greatest share in the heroic reconstruction work of the past months, such as Stakhanovites, brigade leaders, the best of the working peasants, the outstanding representatives of the intelligentsia, etc. Women and youth should also have a substantial role in the councils.

The council members will be elected by the working people and may be recalled in case they should prove unworthy of the great trust.

APPOINTED TO MOSCOW -- New York Amerikai Magyar Hang, 14 Aug 50

Agoston Szkladan, former Hungarian Minister to Prague, has been promoted to Ambassador to Moscow.

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